

# St Mary and St Joseph Church

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11<sup>th</sup> October 2020      **28th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Primary School:** St Mary & St Joseph, Maxwell Road, Pocklington, YO42 2JN    tel: 01759 303287.

**Secondary School:** All Saints, Mill Mount, York. Tel: 01904 647877.

**Hospitals:** If you go into hospital and would like the priest to visit in case of emergency some useful numbers are: York Hospitals 01904 624767, Hull Royal Infirmary 01482 329100 and Castle Hill 01482 847763. Please ask the receptionist or ward clerk to page the Catholic Chaplain.

**Weekend Masses Saturday 7.00pm & Sunday 9.30am**

**Weekday Masses:- Tuesday 6.30pm Feria**

**Thursday 6.30pm St Teresa of Jesus**

**Mass Intentions received:** To Jesus, Mary and Joseph – special thanks for favours received x 2, Dr Michael Laing RIP.

**Confessions** By appointment in the Church Hall or Garden (weather permitting).

**All Masses** Please arrive at the Church door off the car park and not the Union Street entrance which will be closed. Parishioners will be welcomed by a steward outside the door who will ask you for your name and contact details (for Track and Trace if necessary). He/she will direct you steadily to the second steward inside the Church porch, who will point out the hand sanitisers, missalette and newsletter. Please take them away with you at the end of Mass. A steward will guide you to your seat.

**2 metre social distancing in the Church is extremely important.** Parishioners living in the same household or “social bubbling” can sit together, but single household Parishioners must sit 2 metres apart at the end of the open pews to comply with Church and Government Guidelines. Face Coverings to be worn.

**Social Distancing** Please remember to follow the **ONE WAY** System and **only go up for Holy Communion when guided by the Steward** to maintain social distance.

**First Holy Communion** I am really sorry to say that in view of the presently rising numbers of Covid positive both nationally and locally, it would seem prudent to delay the communal celebration of the 7 candidates until next year, as is the case in most parishes. Moreover the new Government “Guidance for the safe use of places of worship” dated Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October restricts “life cycle” celebrations, other than weddings and funerals, to the “rule of six”, unless it is in the context of the usual communal celebration of the parish.

In effect this would mean that because of number capacity and social distancing in the Church, it would probably not be possible to have more than one candidate for First Holy Communion, together with family and friends, at a 9.30am Mass on a Sunday. If anyone would like to receive First Holy Communion at the Sunday 9.30am Mass this year please see me to discuss numbers and arrangements. Individual First Confession on the Church Sanctuary could be the day or week before.

**Certificate in Pastoral Ministry** A new Certificate organised by Loyola University Chicago and the Liverpool Archdiocese . Please see [www.luc.edu/ips/liverpool](http://www.luc.edu/ips/liverpool) and info at the back of the Church. 2 people in the Diocese graduated from this last year and more are invited to apply as it is intended over time that a team of lay people trained in pastoral ministry will be a resource for our Diocese in developing this part of our Diocesan Mission. Online course begin next February. More info from Deacon David Cross 01642 850850 ext 257

**Cafod Fundraising** There will be a Cafod stall outside the Church Door before and after Masses this weekend – homemade facemasks & jams -.£2 each.

**Cafod Family Fast Day** Please pick up a Cafod Envelope and return next weekend. Many thanks.



*God Bless all  
Parishioners,  
Fr James*